# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

**CRIMINAL NO. 16-20732** 

vs.

HON. ROBERT H. CLELAND

**OFFENSE: 18 U.S.C. § 371** 

D-9 GASPER FIORE,

**MAXIMUM PENALTIES:** 

**Up to 5 Years Imprisonment** 

Up to \$250,000 fine

Supervised Release: 3 years

Defendant.

# **RULE 11 PLEA AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, defendant GASPER FIORE and the government agree as follows:

# 1. Guilty Plea

#### A. Count of Conviction

The defendant will enter a plea of guilty to Count Eleven of the Sixth Superseding Indictment, which charges him with Conspiracy to Commit Federal Program Bribery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 666(a).

#### B. Elements of Offense

The following are the elements of the crime of Conspiracy to Commit Federal Program Bribery:

- 1. Defendant agreed with at least one other person to commit the crime of federal program bribery;
- 2. Defendant joined the conspiracy knowing of its object and intending to help accomplish the object; and
- 3. A member of the conspiracy committed at least one overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy.
- 4. The following are the elements of the crime of federal program bribery:
  - a) Defendant corruptly gave, offered or agreed to give something of value to an agent of a local government;
  - b) Defendant did so with the intent to influence or reward the governmental agent in connection with a business, transaction or series of transactions with that local government;
  - c) The business, transaction or series of transactions involved something of value of \$5,000 or more; and
  - d) The local government received \$10,000 or more in federal assistance in a one-year period before or after the time of the offense.

# C. Factual Basis for Guilty Plea

The following facts are a sufficient and accurate basis for defendant's guilty plea:

On March 17, 2016, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Charles B. Rizzo introduced the defendant to Dean Reynolds, an elected Clinton Township trustee. Unbeknownst to the defendant, Rizzo was working on behalf of the FBI. With Rizzo acting as an intermediary, the defendant entered into an understanding with Reynolds that Reynolds would use his position as trustee of Clinton Township to put the

township towing contract out for a bid by the defendant in exchange for money from the defendant. On March 18, 2016, the defendant gave \$4,000 in cash to Rizzo so that Rizzo could give it to Reynolds. On May 6, 2016, the defendant gave \$3,000 in cash to Rizzo so that Rizzo could give it to Reynolds.

The Clinton Township contract at issue was worth in excess of \$5,000. Clinton Township received in excess of \$10,000 in federal aid in calendar year 2016.

#### 2. Sentencing Guidelines

#### A. Standard of Proof

The Court will find sentencing factors by a preponderance of the evidence.

#### B. Agreed Guideline Range

There are no sentencing guideline disputes. Except as provided below, the parties recommend that the defendant's guideline range is 18-24 months, as set forth on the attached worksheets. If the Court finds:

- 1. That defendant's criminal history category is higher than reflected on the attached worksheets, or
- that the offense level should be higher because, after pleading guilty,
  defendant made any false statement to or withheld information from
  his probation officer; otherwise demonstrated a lack of acceptance of
  responsibility for his offense; or obstructed justice or committed any
  crime,

and if any such finding results in a guideline range higher than 18-24 months, the higher guideline range becomes the agreed range. The Court is not bound by this recommendation concerning the guideline range, and the defendant understands that he will have no right to withdraw his guilty plea if the Court does not follow this recommendation. However, if the Court finds that defendant is a career offender, an armed career criminal, or a repeat and dangerous sex offender as defined under the sentencing guidelines or other federal law, and that finding is not already reflected in the attached worksheets, this paragraph does not authorize a corresponding increase in the agreed range.

Neither party may take a position concerning the applicable guidelines that is different than any position of that party as reflected in the attached worksheets, except as necessary to the Court's determination regarding subsections 1) and 2), above.

#### 3. Sentence

The Court will impose a sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553, and in doing so must consider the sentencing guideline range.

# A. Imprisonment

Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(B), the government makes a non-binding recommendation that the sentence of imprisonment be no higher than the mid-point of the guideline range, that is, 21 months.

# B. Supervised Release

A term of supervised release follows the term of imprisonment. The Court must impose a term of supervised release, which in this case is up to three years. The agreement concerning imprisonment described above in Paragraph 2B does not apply to any term of imprisonment that results from any later revocation of supervised release.

#### C. Special Assessment

The defendant will pay a special assessment of \$100 at the time of sentencing.

#### D. Fine

The parties agree that the fine will be no more than the maximum amount of \$250,000.

#### E. Restitution

The Court shall order restitution to every identifiable victim of the defendant's offense.

# 4. Use of Withdrawn Guilty Plea

If the Court allows the defendant to withdraw his guilty plea for a "fair and just reason" pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(d)(2)(B), the defendant waives his rights under Fed. R. Evid. 410, and the government may use his guilty plea, any statement made under oath at the change-of-plea hearing, and the factual basis statement in this plea agreement, against him in any proceeding.

#### 5. Other Charges

If the Court accepts this agreement, the government will dismiss Counts 12, 14 and 24 of the Sixth Superseding Indictment as against the defendant and not bring any additional charges in connection with the government's current investigation of the defendant.

#### 6. Each Party's Right to Withdraw from this Agreement

The recommendations in Paragraph 3 are not binding on the Court. The defendant has no right to withdraw his guilty plea and the parties have no right to withdraw from this agreement if the Court decides not to follow them.

#### 7. Appeal Waiver

The defendant waives any right he may have to appeal his conviction on any grounds. If the defendant's sentence of imprisonment does not exceed 24 months, the defendant also waives any right he may have to appeal his sentence on any grounds. If the defendant's sentence of imprisonment is at least 18 months, the government waives any right it may have to appeal the defendant's sentence.

This waiver does not bar filing a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel in court.

# 8. Consequences of Withdrawal of Guilty Plea or Vacation of Conviction

If defendant is allowed to withdraw his guilty plea or if any conviction entered pursuant to this agreement is vacated, the Court shall, on the government's request,

reinstate any charges that were dismissed as part of this agreement. If additional charges are filed against defendant within six months after the date the order vacating defendant's conviction or allowing him to withdraw his guilty plea becomes final, which charges relate directly or indirectly to the conduct underlying the guilty plea or to any conduct reflected in the attached worksheets, defendant waives his right to challenge the additional charges on the ground that they were not filed in a timely manner, including any claim that they were filed after the limitations period expired.

#### 9. Parties to Plea Agreement

Unless otherwise indicated, this agreement does not bind any government agency except the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan.

# 10. Scope of Plea Agreement

This agreement, which includes all documents that it explicitly incorporates, is the complete agreement between the parties. This agreement supersedes all other promises, representations, understandings and agreements between the parties concerning the subject matter of this plea agreement that were made at any time before the guilty plea is entered in court. Thus, no oral or written promises made by the government to defendant or to the attorney for the defendant at any time before defendant pleads guilty are binding except to the extent they have been explicitly incorporated into this agreement.

Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, if defendant has entered into a proffer agreement in writing or a cooperation agreement in writing with the government, this

plea agreement does not supersede or abrogate the terms of any such prior written

agreement.

This agreement also does not prevent any civil or administrative actions against defendant, or any forfeiture claim against any property, by the United States or any

other party.

Acceptance of Agreement by Defendant 11.

This plea offer expires unless it has been received, fully signed, in the Office

of the United States Attorney by 5:00 P.M. on December 18, 2017. The government

reserves the right to modify or revoke this offer at any time before defendant pleads

guilty.

DANIEL L. LEMISCH

Acting United States Attorney

DAVID A. GARDEY

Assistant United States Attorney

Chief, Public Corruption Unit

Assistant United States Attorney

Dated: December 14, 2017

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By signing below, defendant acknowledges that he has read (or been read) this entire document, understands it, and agrees to its terms. He also acknowledges that he is satisfied with his attorney's advice and representation. Defendant agrees that he has had a full and complete opportunity to confer with his lawyer, and has had all of his questions answered by his lawyer.

ROBERT MORGAN Attorney for Defendant

Dated

GASPER FIORE

Defendant

Dated

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#### **WORKSHEET A (Offense Levels)**

Complete one Worksheet A for each count of conviction (taking into account relevant conduct and treating each stipulated offense as a separate count of conviction) before applying the multiple-count rules in U.S.S.G. ch. 3, pt. D. However, in any case involving multiple counts of conviction, if the counts of conviction are all "closely related" to each other within the meaning of U.S.S.G. § 3D1.2(d), complete only a single Worksheet A.

#### 1. BASE OFFENSE LEVEL AND SPECIFIC OFFENSE CHARACTERISTICS (U.S.S.G. ch. 2)

Guideline Section	<b>Description</b>	<u>Levels</u>
2C1.1(a)(2)	Base Offense Level	12
2C1.1(b)(3)	Offense involved elected public official	4
2C1.1(b)/2B1.1(b)	Bribe amount > \$6,500	2
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2. ADJUSTMENTS	S (U.S.S.G. ch. 3, pts. A, B, C)	
<b>Guideline Section</b>	<b>Description</b>	Levels

Guideline Section		<u>Description</u>		Levels	
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#### 3. ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEVEL

Enter the sum of the offense levels entered in Items 1 and 2. If this Worksheet A does not cover every count of conviction (taking into account relevant conduct and treating each stipulated offense as a separate count of conviction), complete one or more additional Worksheets A and a single Worksheet B.

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If this is the only Worksheet A, check this box and skip Worksheet B.

If the defendant has no criminal history, check this box and skip Worksheet C.

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# **WORKSHEET B (Multiple Counts)**

## Instructions (U.S.S.G. ch. 3, pt. D):

- Group the counts of conviction into distinct Groups of Closely Related Counts. "All counts involving substantially the same harm shall be grouped together into a single Group." (See U.S.S.G. § 3D1.2.)
- Determine the offense level applicable to each Group. (See U.S.S.G. § 3D1.3.)
- Determine the combined offense level by assigning "units" to each Group as follows (see U.S.S.G. § 3D1.4):
  - assign 1 unit to the Group with the highest offense level,
  - assign 1 unit to each additional Group that is equally serious as, or 1 to 4 levels less serious than, the Group with the highest offense level,
  - assign ½ unit to each Group that is 5 to 8 levels less serious than the Group with the highest offense level,
  - assign no units to each Group that is 9 or more levels less serious than the Group with the highest offense level.

1.	GROUP ONE: COUNT(S)	
	ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEVEL	unit
2.	GROUP Two: COUNT(S)	
	ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEVEL	unit
3.	GROUP THREE: COUNT(S)	
	ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEVEL	unit
4.	GROUP FOUR: COUNT(S)	
	ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEVEL	unit
5.	TOTAL UNITS	
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1 unit  $\longrightarrow$  no increase 2 1/2 - 3 units  $\longrightarrow$  add 3 levels 1 1/2 units  $\longrightarrow$  add 1 level 3 1/2 - 5 units  $\longrightarrow$  add 4 levels

2 units  $\longrightarrow$  add 2 levels  $\rightarrow$  5 levels  $\longrightarrow$  add 5 levels



# 8. COMBINED ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEVEL

Enter the sum of the offense levels entered in Items 6 and 7.

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# **WORKSHEET C (Criminal History)**

Date of defendant's com	mencement of the instant	offense (taking into	o account relevant	conduct
and stipulated offenses):				

#### 1. PRIOR SENTENCES

# Prior Sentence of Imprisonment Exceeding 13 Months (U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(a)):

**3 POINTS** 

Enter 3 points for each prior adult sentence of imprisonment exceeding one year and one month that either (1) was imposed within 15 years of the defendant's commencement of the instant offenses (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) or (2) resulted in the defendant's confinement during any part of that 15-year period. (See U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(a), 4A1.2(d)(1), (e)(1).)

# Prior Sentence of Imprisonment of at Least 60 Days (U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(b)):

2 POINTS

Enter 2 points for each prior sentence of imprisonment of at least 60 days not counted under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(a) that either (1) resulted from an offense committed after the defendant turned 18 and was imposed within 10 years of the defendant's commencement of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) (see U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(b), 4A1.2(e)(2)) or (2) resulted from an offense committed before the defendant turned 18 and resulted in the defendant's confinement during any part of the 5-year period preceding the defendant's commencement of the instant offense (see U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(b), 4A1.2(d)(2)(A)).

# **Other Prior Sentences**

1 POINT

# (U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(c)):

Enter 1 point for each prior sentence not counted under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(a) or (b) that either (1) resulted from an offense committed after the defendant turned 18 and was imposed within 10 years of the defendant's commencement of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) (see U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(c), 4A1.2(e)(2)) or (2) resulted from an offense committed before the defendant turned 18 and was imposed within 5 years of the defendant's commencement of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) (see U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(c), 4A1.2(d)(2)(B)). NOTE: No more than 4 points may be added under this item.

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<u>Date of</u> <u>Imposition</u>	Status*	<u>Offense</u>	Sentence	Release Date**	<u>Points</u>
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<sup>\*</sup> If the defendant committed the offense before turning 18, indicate whether he or she was sentenced as a juvenile (J) or as an adult (A).

<sup>\*\*</sup> A release date is required in only two situations: (1) when a sentence covered under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(a) was imposed more than 15 years before the defendant's commencement of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) but resulted in his or her confinement during any part of that 15-year period; or (2) when a sentence counted under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(b) was imposed for an offense committed before the defendant turned 18 but resulted in his or her confinement during any part of the 5-year period preceding his or her commencement of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses).

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# 2. COMMISSION OF INSTANT OFFENSE WHILE UNDER PRIOR SENTENCE (U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(d))

Enter 2 points if the defendant committed any part of the instant offense (taking into account relevant conduct and stipulated offenses) while under any criminal justice sentence having a custodial or supervisory component, including probation, parole, supervised release, imprisonment, work release, and escape status. (See U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(d), 4A1.2(m), (n).) List the type of control and identify the sentence from which it resulted.



## 3. PRIOR SENTENCE RESULTING FROM CRIME OF VIOLENCE (U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(e))

Enter 1 point for each prior sentence resulting from a conviction for a crime of violence that did not receive any points under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(a), (b), or (c) because such sentence was considered related to another sentence resulting from a conviction for a crime of violence. But enter no points where the sentences are considered related because the offenses occurred on the same occasion. (See U.S.S.G. §§ 4A1.1(e), 4A1.2(p).) Identify the crimes of violence and briefly explain why the cases are considered related. NOTE: No more than 3 points may be added under this item.



# 4. TOTAL CRIMINAL HISTORY POINTS

Enter the sum of the criminal history points entered in Items 1-4.

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#### 5. CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORY

<b>Total Criminal History Points</b>	Criminal History Categor	Y
0-1	I	
2-3	II	
4-6	III	
7-9	IV	
10-12	${f v}$	
≥13	VI	

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# **WORKSHEET D (Guideline Range)**

1. (COMBINED) ADJUSTED OFFENSE LEVEL

Enter the adjusted offense level entered in Item 3 of Worksheet A or the combined adjusted offense level entered in item 8 of Worksheet B.

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2. ADJUSTMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY (U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1)

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3. TOTAL OFFENSE LEVEL

Enter the difference between Items 1 and 2.

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4. CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORY

Enter "I" if the defendant has no criminal history. Otherwise, enter the criminal history category entered in Item 6 of Worksheet C.

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- 5. CAREER OFFENDER/CRIMINAL LIVELIHOOD/ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL/DANGEROUS SEX OFFENDER (U.S.S.G. ch. 4, pt. B)
  - a. <u>Total Offense Level:</u> If the career offender provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.1), the criminal livelihood provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.3), the armed career criminal provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.4), or the dangerous sex offender provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.5) results in a total offense level higher than the total offense level entered in Item 3, enter the higher offense level total.

b. Criminal History Category: If the career offender provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.1), the armed career criminal provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.4), or the dangerous sex offender provision (U.S.S.G. § 4B1.5) results in a criminal history category higher than the criminal history category entered in Item 4, enter the higher criminal history category.

6. GUIDELINE RANGE FROM SENTENCING TABLE (U.S.S.G. CH. 5, PT. A)

Enter the guideline range in the Sentencing Table (see U.S.S.G. ch. 5, pt. A) produced by the total offense level entered in Item 3 or 5.a and the criminal history category entered in Item 4 or 5.b.

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# 7. STATUTORY RESTRICTIONS ON OR SUPERSESSION OF GUIDELINE RANGE If the maximum sentence authorized by statute is below, or a minimum sentence required by statute is above, the guideline range entered in Item 6, enter either the guideline range as restricted by statute or the sentence required by statute. (See U.S.S.G. § 5G1.1.) If the sentence on any count of conviction is required by statute to be consecutive to the sentence on any other count of conviction, explain why.



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# **WORKSHEET E (Authorized Guideline Sentences)**

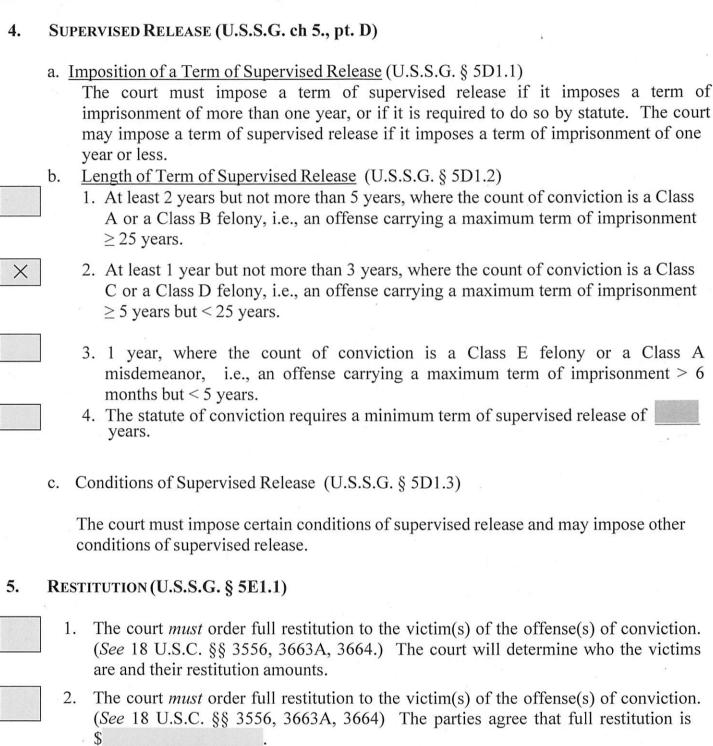
		WORKSHEET E (Muthor Deu Galdeline Sentences)
1.		OBATION (I.G. C.
	a.	Imposition of a Term of Probation (U.S.S.G. § 5B1.1)
×		1. Probation is not authorized by the guidelines (minimum of guideline range ≥ 10 months or statute of conviction is a Class A or a Class B felony). If this box is checked, go to Item 2 (Split Sentence).
		2. Probation is authorized by the guidelines (minimum of guideline range = zero months).
		3. Probation is authorized by the guidelines, provided the court imposes a condition or combination of conditions requiring intermittent confinement, community confinement, or home detention satisfying the minimum of the guideline range (minimum of guideline range $> 0$ months but $\le 9$ months).
	b.	Length of Term of Probation (U.S.S.G. § 5B1.2)
		1. At least 1 year but not more than 5 years (total offense level $\geq 6$ )
		2. No more than 3 years (total offense level < 6).
	c.	Conditions of Probation (U.S.S.G. § 5B1.3)
	SP	LIT SENTENCE (U.S.S.G. § 5C1.1(c)(2), (D)(2))
×	a.	A split sentence is not authorized (minimum of guideline range = 0 months or $\geq$ 15 months).
	b.	A split sentence is authorized (minimum of guideline range > 0 months but $\leq 12$ months). The court may impose a sentence of imprisonment that includes a term of supervised release with a condition that substitutes community confinement or home detention for imprisonment, provided that at least one-half of the minimum of the guideline range is satisfied by imprisonment (if the minimum of the guideline range is 10 or 12 months), or that at least one month is satisfied by imprisonment (if the minimum of the guideline range is 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, or 9 months). The authorized length

# 3. IMPRISONMENT (U.S.S.G. CH. 5, PT. C)

A term of imprisonment is authorized by the guidelines if it is within the applicable guideline range (entered in Item 6 of Worksheet D). (See U.S.S.G. § 5C1.1.)

of the term of supervised release is set forth below in Item 4.b.

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3.	The parties agree that the court moffense(s) of conviction in \$ (See 18 U	any amou	ant up to and including
4.	The parties agree that the court may victim(s) of the offense(s) of conv.  \$ (See 18 U.S.)	viction in ar	ny amount up to and including
× 5.	Restitution is not applicable.		
6. FINE (U	.S.S.G. § 5E1.2)		
a.	Fines for Individual Defendants		
	The court must impose a fine unless unable to pay and is not likely to be 5E1.2(a).) Generally, the fine autho established in the Fine Table. (See exceptions to this general rule. (See U	come able to rized by the U.S.S.G. §	pay any fine." (See U.S.S.G. § guidelines is limited to the range 5E1.2(b).) However, there are
b.	Fine Range from Fine Table (U.S.S.C	G. § 5E1.2(c)(	<u>(3))</u>
	Minimum Fine \$7,500		sximum Fine 5,000

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# 7. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT(S) (U.S.S.G. § 5E1.3)

The court must impose a special assessment on every count of conviction. The special assessments for individual defendants are:

- \$100.00 for every count charging a felony (\$400 for a corporation),
- \$25.00 for every count charging a Class A misdemeanor (\$125 for a corporation),
- \$10.00 for every count charging a Class B misdemeanor (\$50 for a corporation), and
- \$5.00 for every count charging a Class C misdemeanor or an infraction (\$25 for a

	corporation).
	The defendant must pay a special assessment or special assessments in the total amount of \$100.
8.	FORFEITURE (U.S.S.G. § 5E1.4)
	Assets of the defendant will be forfeited.  Assets of the defendant will not be forfeited.
9.	Additional Applicable Guidelines, Policy Statements, and Statutes
	List any additional applicable guideline, policy statement, or statute.

#### UPWARD OR DOWNWARD DEPARTURE (U.S.S.G. ch. 5, pts. H & K) **10.**

List any applicable aggravating or mitigating circumstance that might support a term of imprisonment above or below the applicable guideline range.